

Maine DEP Jeepers Peepers 2004

EVALUATION FORM 7th and 8th GRADE ESSAY CONTEST

Question:

Now it's your turn to be a climate scientist. Scientists think certain species of plants and animals could be affected by ecological changes in their environment as a result of climate change. Select a plant or animal species to research and describe how you think its life cycle and habitat could be affected by a warming climate.

Essay #	
Reviewer Name	

Major Rating Criteria	Subcategories	Maximum Points	Points Scored
Creative Thinking (30 points total)	1. Information shows individual creative thinking skills	30	
Scientific Accuracy (30 points total)	1. Information was researched and clearly relates to the topic	10	
	2. Information is accurate and logical	10	
	3. Information provides supporting details and/or examples	10	
Clear writing including grammar, spelling, and punctuation (30 points total)	1. Grammar, spelling, and punctuation is correct	15	
	2. Information is very organized, neatly written, and has well constructed paragraphs	15	
Total		90	

(a) Page requirements: 4th - 6th grades 200 words max./7th and 8th grades 400 words max.

(b) Note: Essays are **NOT** required to be typed, the emphasis is on organization and neatness, whether it is typed or handwritten